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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery comprising: a non-aqueous organic solvent; and

a sulfone based organic compound selected from the group consisting of a compound represented as in the following Formulae (I), (II), or (III), and a mixture thereof:

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
II \\
R-S-R' \\
II \\
O
\end{array} (I)$$

where R and R' are independently selected from the group consisting of a primary, secondary, or tertiary alkyl group, alkenyl group, and aryl group; and a substituted primary, secondary, or tertiary alkyl group, alkenyl group, and aryl group, and n is from 0 to 3.

- 2. The electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the substituent is halogen selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo, and iodo.
- 3. The electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the sulfone based organic compound is selected from the

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group consisting of methyl sulfone, vinyl sulfone, phenyl sulfone, 4-fluorophenyl sulfone, benzyl sulfone, tetramethylene sulfone, and butadiene sulfone.

- 4. The electrolyte for a lithium secondary battery according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the sulfone based organic compound is 0.1 to 10 weight%.
 - 5. A lithium secondary battery comprising:

an electrolyte comprising a non-aqueous organic solvent and a sulfone based organic compound selected from the group consisting of a compound represented as in the following Formulae (I), (II), or (III), and a mixture thereof:

a positive electrode including lithium-transition metal oxides as a positive active material; and

a negative electrode including carbon, carbon composite, lithium metal, or lithium alloy as a negative active material:

$$\begin{array}{c}
O \\
II \\
R-S-R' \\
O
\end{array} (I)$$

where R and R' are independently selected from the group consisting

of a primary, secondary, or tertiary alkyl group, alkenyl group, and aryl group; and a substituted primary, secondary, or tertiary alkyl group, alkenyl group, and aryl group, and n is from 0 to 3.